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Applicants : Kitagishi Group Art Unit: 2872

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For : ***PLATE-LIKE POLARIZING ELEMENT, A POLARIZING CONVERSION
UNIT PROVIDED WITH THE ELEMENT, AND A PROJECTOR
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Official Action dated December 7, 1998, requiring a species election, Applicants respectfully submit the following response.

REMARKS

I. The Examiner's Election Requirement

The Examiner has noted that this application contains claims directed to fourteen groups of patentably distinct species of the claimed invention corresponding to Figures 2 and 4-16, respectively. Accordingly, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution, and to identify all claims readable thereon. Additionally, the Examiner noted that claim 36 is generic.

II. Applicants' Election of Species

Applicants elect to pursue prosecution of the species depicted by Figure 9, and respectfully submit that claims 36-62 and 71-91 read on this elected species, of which claim 36 is



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